

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION SHEET**

- Cost must be \$5,000.00 or greater (Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents) per piece.
- Priority must be given to schools exceeding 50% or more free and reduced eligibility.
- Funding may include installation and transportation.
- Funding is intended only for lunch program equipment. However, other programs can benefit from it...
- The school is ineligible if the district received ARRA equipment assistance funds last year (school year 2009).*

• **To apply for equipment assistance the SAU must return by May 14th, 2010:**

- Two written price quotes for the same make/model of equipment.
- Supplements to application form.
- Application form.

• **Scoring will include:**

- Number of students at least 50% eligible for free and reduced. 40%
- Improve quality of lunch meals. 15%
- Improve safety of the NSLP. 15%
- Improve overall energy efficiency 15%.
- Ability to meet reporting obligations 5%
- Maximize scoring by including as many categories as possible.

• **To receive the money after approval, the SAU must return:**

- Signed agreement.
- Completed claim form.
- Paid invoice for product.

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- Total amount available is \$76,036.00, (Seventy Six Thousand and Thirty-Six Dollars).
 - Applications will be scored based on criteria indicated above.
 - Scores will include agency representation and local representation.
 - Awarded districts will be notified on 5/21/10. The State Agency must receive the claim and contract by deadline date 8/1/10, no exceptions.
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Web address to stay current and find materials

<http://www.state.me.us/education/sfs/equip.html>

* This may change to say the school is ineligible if the *school* received ARRA equipment assistance funds last year, depending on USDA approval. Therefore, the school is encouraged to apply if the district received funds last year because if the regulations change, the school may be eligible for the grant.